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Mr. Tom McCabe  


Dear Mr. McCabe:

Thank you very much for your letter of 4 June.

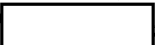
It is particularly gratifying to get your generous comments and I appreciate your courtesy in writing to me as you did.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Handwritten:

P. S.: I was deeply touched by what you said  
in your letter. A. W. D.

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DEAR MR. DULLES:

NOT BEING A LETTER WRITER OF HABIT, I DO FIND IT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS TO YOU IN THIS MANNER FOR YOUR MANY EXCELLENT YEARS OF SERVICE TO AMERICA AND THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD. WHILE MANY MILLIONS SHARE MY RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR YOU SIR, TOO FEW MAY TAKE THE TIME TO LET IT BE KNOWN.

IN FACT HEREIN LIES THE TROUBLE IN OUR COUNTRY. THERE ARE TOO GOD DAMN MANY MEALY-MOUTHED SELF APPOINTED "CRITICS AND EXPERTS" NOT ONLY IN THE NEWS MEDIA BUT WITHIN CONGRESS. EVERYTHING IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED AND IT SEEMS ONLY ONE AGENCY IS SUPPOSED TO BE FLAWLESS AND WITHOUT FAULT — CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE. WHILE ACTUALLY THIS AGENCY, AS COMMON SENSE WOULD JUDGE, SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED SOME MARGIN OF ERROR TO FULLY OPERATE ESPECIALLY UNDER TODAY'S WORLD CONDITIONS. IF THERE IS GOING TO BE SCAPE-GOATS FOR ANY

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PIN THE HORNS ON CERTAIN HARVARD "ADVISORS" AND  
THEIR ADVISORS IN THE CAMPUS BULLPEN.

AND TIME TOO WILL RECORD THE  
DISTINGUISHED AND UNFAILING SERVICE OF TWO REAL  
AMERICANS JOHN FOSTER AND ALLEN DULLES. YOUR  
MANY, MANY YEARS OF FINE WORK IN THE MOST DIFFICULT  
JOB OF ALL, BEFORE AND SINCE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
WAS FORMED, SEEMS TO STAND AT THIS MOMENT IN  
THE BACK-GROUND. BUT NOT TO ME, NOT BY A DAMN  
SITE AND MY OPINION HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN TO  
MANSFIELD, METCALF AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THIS AREA IN WASHINGTON

IN CLOSING I WOULD ASK THAT YOU  
PLEASE REMAIN AT YOUR POST. WE COULD NEVER  
AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND  
LEADERSHIP IN TIMES LIKE THESE UNDER ANY CIRCUM-  
STANCES.

MR. DULLES, THANK YOU SIR VERY MUCH  
FOR YOUR LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.  
CONTINUED SUCCESS AND GOOD HEALTH ALWAYS.

SINCERELY,  
Tom McCabe

TOM MCCABE